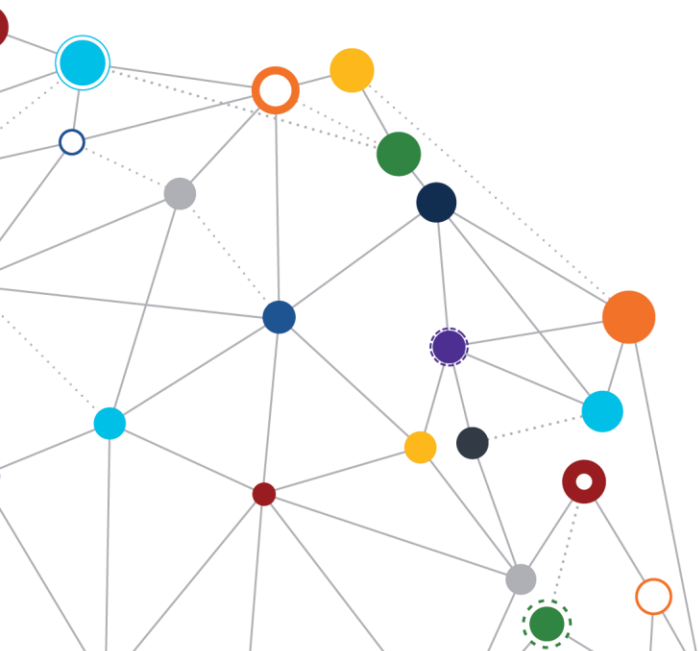




VS GUI User Guide Addendum

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1 Introduction

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Scheduling Graphical User Interface (VS GUI) module is the Windows GUI version of the Patient Information Management System (PIMS) Scheduling module. It provides appointment management functions included in PIMS Scheduling, but with the added convenience and usability of a GUI.

1.1 Purpose

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Integrated Veteran Care (IVC) requested an enterprise enhancement for the VS package that supports COVID-19 response. The enhancement reduces operating costs for VHA and improves operational efficiencies, resulting in patient-centered access to care, coordinated care, increased customer satisfaction, and the reduction of excessive cycle/wait time for scheduling patients.

1.2 Overview

VS GUI is a software module that allows schedulers to make appointments quickly by viewing multiple appointment request types and multiple clinics in one screen. A scheduler can easily view patient requests for service, find the next available open appointment, view the provider's availability in multiple clinics, and track a patient's appointment process. Refer to [System Summary](#) for a more detailed description of VS GUI functionality.

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1.4 Project References

1.4.1 Information

The VS GUI points of contact (POCs) include:

- » IVC Program Office – Redacted
- » TeleHealth & Scheduling Technical Director – Redacted
- » IVC Emerging Technologies Acting Legacy Program Manager – Redacted

Vista Scheduling (VSE) Resources

- » Veterans Health Administration (VHA) VSE SharePoint: – Redacted
- » VA Software Document Library (VDL) – Scheduling (VSE manuals near the bottom): – Redacted
- » National Return to Clinic (RTC) Order: – Redacted

2 System Summary

The VSE project delivers a series of enhancements to legacy VistA Scheduling Version 5.3 via the VistA Scheduling (VS) Graphical User Interface (GUI) application.

This update is for the nationally released version 1.7.40.1, which includes VS GUI 1.7.40.1 and VistA patch SD*5.3*842. At time of publishing, install period is projected for April 2023.

VS GUI Release 1.7.40.1 is heavily focused on back-end updates but does include a major enhancement to the logic and user experience around MISSION ACT. The back-end updates include Remote Procedure Call (RPC) modifications and newly created RPCs to support future functionality. Additionally, several RPCs around MISSION ACT were modified to support the user facing changes. Finally, the release includes the retirement of SDES GET APPTS BY IEN 2 where an updated RPC has been created in its place.

3 Key Feature Update in Version 1.7.40.1

3.1 MISSION ACT Updates

If there is availability within the Wait Time Standard (WTS) for any clinics in the same institution as the clinic from the appointment request, users are provided a list with the clinic and date/time of the first 10 open appointment slots that are within the WTS.

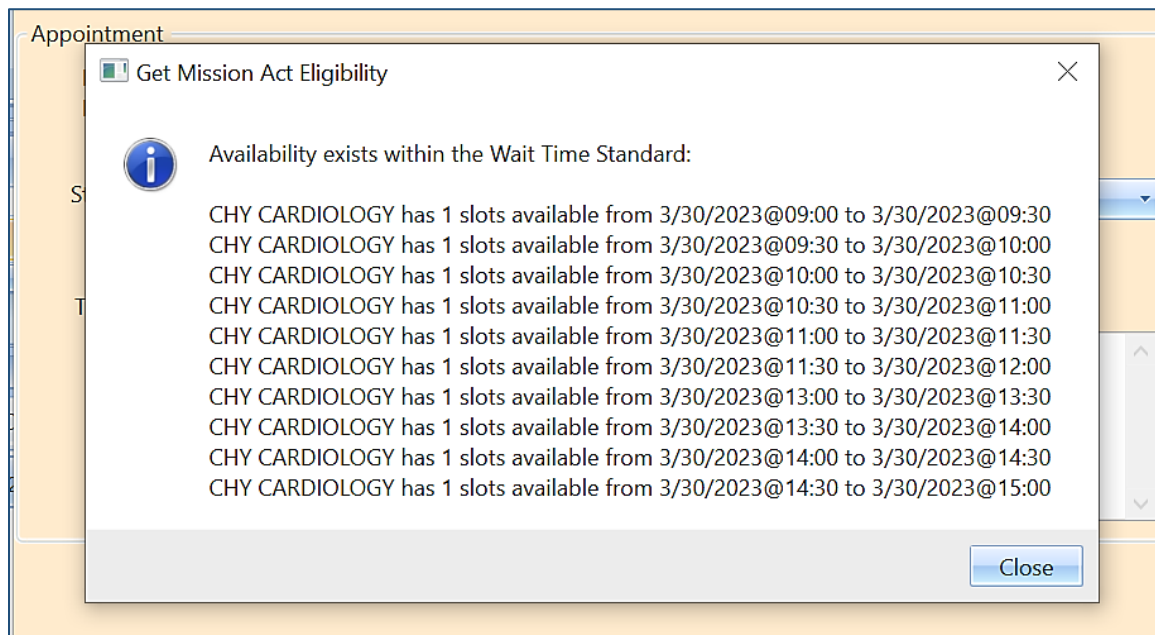


Figure 1: Display of the first 10 open appointment slots that are within the WTS.

If there are no open appointment slots in all clinics for the institution that have the same stop codes, then users will get this message:

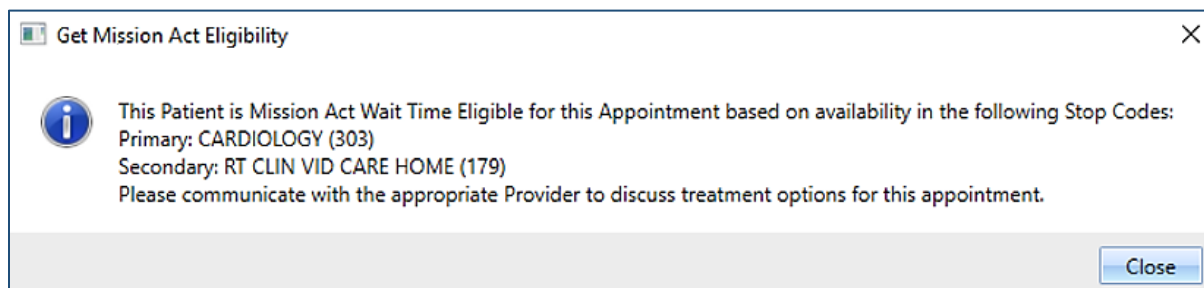


Figure 2: Message presented if no open appointment slots in all clinics for the institution with the same stop codes.

If no secondary stop code exists, users will receive the below message:

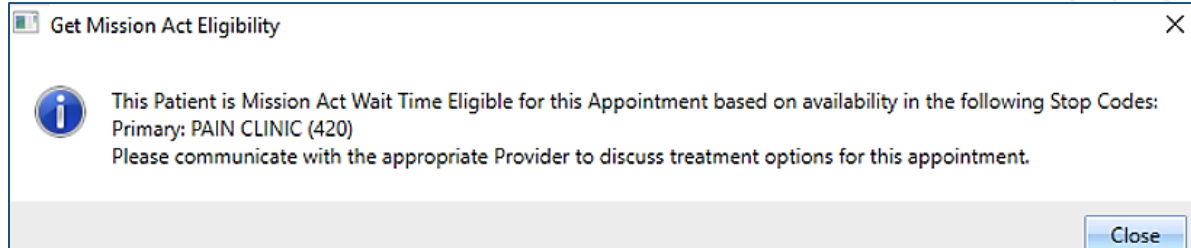


Figure 3: Message presented if no secondary stop code exists.